

Tips provided to prevent carjackings

Editor's note: In view of the recent epidemic of carjackings in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area that has been reported by the local media, the following safety tips have been issued by Gallaudet's Department of Safety and Security (DOSS) in cooperation with local police and the American Automobile Association. It is hoped that these tips will reduce the opportunity for a carjacking to take place and limit the risk to personal safety in the event that the situation occurs.

- Avoid parking in secluded, poorly lighted areas, especially late at night.
- Keep doors locked and windows rolled up while driving, especially when stopped in traffic.
- When approaching a red light, leave space between your car and the vehicle in front of you so you can pull away if an armed carjacker approaches.

- Don't walk to your car alone late at night. If you see someone loitering near your car, walk away from the vehicle. If the person remains near your car, contact DOSS if you are on campus or local police if you are off campus.

- If someone demands your car keys, don't resist. (Most cars are found intact within weeks of being stolen.)

- Try to get a good description of your assailant(s).

- Separate car keys from other keys to minimize the possibility that a household burglary will follow the carjacking.

- Do not leave vehicle registration, driver's license, or other documents with names and addresses in your car.

For additional safety tips or to arrange for a safety presentation, contact DOSS' Crime Prevention Unit at x5363.

Publications Dept. expands services

Gallaudet's Publications and Production Department has a solid background in providing design, editing, and printing services for all units of the University.

Now, the department is expanding its desktop publishing capabilities, which will increase options for clients and also should result in a quicker turn-around time for many jobs.

"We're here to provide a service for campus offices and organizations," said Laura-Jean Gilbert, director of the department. "The desktop capabilities give us more flexibility in how we handle a job. Before, a job had to go to one of two typesetters, and things could get bottlenecked. We have more people trained to do desktop, so there are fewer bottlenecks."

With the addition of a Macintosh computer that will produce a better quality product than the current desktop system, the department "will be trying more often to go directly to print, by-passing one and sometimes several stages of the production process," she said.

In Fiscal Year 1992, the department's art and editorial areas had logged 672 jobs as of mid-September. The department's Print Shop had a higher number of jobs—2,435—because the shop also handles jobs that need only printing. Not counted in either of these numbers is *On the Green*, which is written, typeset, and printed completely by department staff each week, or *Preview* and *Gallaudet Today* magazines, published

three and four times a year, respectively.

Publications that are now produced on desktop equipment include the undergraduate and graduate course catalogs, the University's annual report, the *Gallaudet Alumni Newsletter*, *Preview* magazine, and several books of conference proceedings.

Publications and Production will make every effort to produce materials quickly for clients, said Gilbert, but as a rule of thumb, invitations usually take at least one week to produce, posters take a month, one-color brochures take six weeks, two-color brochures take seven weeks, programs and booklets take two months, and catalogs and textbooks take three months.

The department takes most of its jobs from the client's initial idea to a finished product at a cost that is one-half to two-thirds that charged by off-campus companies, said Gilbert. Several nonprofit organizations, such as DeafREACH, the National Association of the Deaf, and Edpress also use Gallaudet's services for this reason, Gilbert added.

While individuals with simple reprinting jobs can take them directly to the Print Shop, jobs that require typesetting and art or desktop work must begin with a meeting with Publications staff. Mail-in jobs are generally not accepted because information is often unclear.

To make an appointment for a publication meeting, clients should call

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President I. King Jordan welcomes the 1992-93 GUIDE team and extends thanks to the previous team for its efforts at a Sept. 23 reception in "Ole Jim."

ESARP aims for success in English

Recent research has shown that a large percentage of Gallaudet students read at levels substantially below those required to read the average first-year college textbook. More discouraging, students' reading abilities have not improved since a 1984 study yielded similar results.

Findings such as these are coming out of the English Skills Assessment Review Project (ESARP), which is examining how Gallaudet evaluates its students' abilities to read and write English. After analyzing its data, ESARP will give the English Department its recommendations for changes.

The project was started last fall after meetings between the English Department and the Student Body Government and partly due to students' boycott of the English Placement Test in 1990. Work will continue this semester thanks to on-

going support by Dr. Harvey Corson, former provost and vice president for Pre-College Programs.

"The reading issue is not directly related to the assessments we use and will not be solved by installing better tests," said Terry Coye, coordinator of ESARP and an associate professor in the English Department. "The issue is what standards should we establish and hold students to on our tests, and how test results will affect student progress through the undergraduate program."

Students' frustration with Gallaudet English courses begins with New Student Orientation (NSO), said Coye. "Because the English Department uses separate tests for each of its courses, placement is often a process of taking test after test until the students fail something or are identified as deficient in some way. Students

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Volunteers needed for Fall TDDathon

Faculty, staff, and alumni are encouraged to lend a hand and help ensure the success of the 1992 Fall TDDathon, which takes place in "Ole Jim" Oct. 12 to 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. each day.

The goal for the Fall TDDathon is to net \$30,000, according to Chris Krentz, coordinator of annual giving in the Development Office. The figure reflects a 20 percent participation by alumni and parents, which is approximately six percent higher than last fall, said Krentz.

The first week of the TDDathon, workers will concentrate on alumni from the classes of 1982-91. "The goal is to increase significantly the number of 'young alumni' participating," said Krentz. Last year, only about four percent of alumni from

those classes contributed to the TDDathon.

The second week, the focus of the TDDathon will shift to parents of students enrolled at all levels of Gallaudet and to alumni from the classes of 1981 and earlier. Last year, about 15 percent of donors from these categories made contributions, said Krentz.

In order for the TDDathon to be a success, it is vital that a significant number of University employees—hearing and deaf—volunteer their time, said Krentz, adding that 20 volunteers will be needed each night. The volunteers will be provided free meals and training.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering may call June Hogan or Krentz in the Development Office, x5410.

Plan aims to revamp placement tests

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then have to take a course or re-take a test to demonstrate their competence. Also, because all students take the same tests, more skilled students get bored and less skilled students get frustrated."

To change this, ESARP is examining alternative testing methods. One method is computerized adaptive testing, said Coye. When students answer a question correctly, the computer gives them a more difficult question, and when they answer incorrectly, they get an easier one. General skill levels are determined with far fewer questions than a traditional test.

However, because commercially available tests of this type do not fit Gallaudet's student population, it would take the English department several years to write, test, and implement such a test, said Coye.

Using other available tests, however, ESARP does hope to reduce the number of tests given during NSO next fall, he said.

As of last May, ESARP had gathered feedback from students, faculty who teach English, and faculty who teach

general education courses. The project also had gathered information from several conferences, specialists in assessment materials and English education, and from Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisc., which has an assessment-based curriculum.

Students responded that they have trouble communicating with their English teachers and cited teachers' lack of sign language skill as the reason. They also expressed frustration and anger about English testing and wondered how they can succeed in class but fail the final tests.

According to Coye, an ESARP survey of English faculty last spring shows that many wish to improve their sign skills. Faculty pointed to problems in getting sign instruction that is appropriate to their needs and schedules. One of ESARP's proposals will ask for special instruction for English faculty and for videotaped sign tutorials.

Students also said that they value English as a means of communicating with hearing people, meeting employer expectations on the job, and enhancing self-esteem. They said they need a clearer picture of their strengths and weaknesses if they are to improve.

"Improving teacher feedback to students is a priority in our proposals," said Coye. "As we review our courses, we will pay special attention to finding ways to get more information to students."

This fall, ESARP will interview alumni and employers to assess what English skill level they feel students need. It hopes to find time to interview graduate faculty and administrators. A Test Analysis Group will be formed to expand on last year's work, including developing a plan to examine the reliability and validity of Gallaudet English tests.



Senior Writer/Editor Mary Johnstone displays the Equality, Dignity, and Independence Award she won from the National Easter Seals Society for her story, "The Silent Majority: Deafened Adults," which appeared in the Winter 1991-92 issue of Gallaudet Today magazine.



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Announcements

Dr. Barbara Kannapell, deaf culture consultant, will lecture on "The Power Structure in the Deaf Community" on Wed., Oct. 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room. On Oct. 14, Shawn Davies, managing editor of Pre-College Programs' Center for Curriculum Development, Research, and Evaluation, will present "Insights and Applicability: What Has Been Learned From Bilingual Education in Sweden and Denmark." The lectures are part of the fall Sign Language Lecture Series.

A memorial service for Dr. Paul Cunningham, who was chair of the Department of Biology at the time of his death Aug. 8, will be held Wed., Oct. 14, at 3:30 p.m. in Ely Auditorium. A reception in Chapel Hall will follow the service.

Gallaudet's recently formed Women's Resource Committee will hold its first event Oct. 15: "Deaf Women and Power," from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Ely Auditorium. Presenting the topic will be panelists Nancy Bloch, executive director of the National Association of the Deaf and former director of Gallaudet's Management Institute, Dr. Roslyn Rosen, dean of Continuing Education, Betty Miller, coordinator of Project: A Second Chance, Deafpride, Inc., and Bridgetta Bourne-Firl, coordinator of Professional and Community Training Programs in the National Academy.



Lithographer Angel Arce inspects Development's TDDathon postcards, fresh off the press.

Steps in publications process outlined

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Publications and Production's administrative secretary Donna Keizer at x5154. The best time to call or send a fax is from 8 to 11:45 a.m. and from 1:15 to 4 p.m. The fax machine is not operable at other times.

Clients should come to the meeting with a typed, double-spaced copy of their manuscript and, if possible, the computer disc containing the information. Gilbert and Art Manager Wendelin Daniels will then discuss the entire job with the client, establish deadlines, determine from the number of copies needed whether it will be printed on or off campus, and talk about what illustrations or photos may be used. Cost estimates on jobs also can be provided.

After that meeting, an artist will work directly with the client, developing the format and design and submitting "roughs" of the design to the client for review. Copy will be edited to conform to University policy, as stated in the *Graphic Standards and Editorial Stylebook* published by the department. At several stages of production, the client may be asked to review the work and sign an approval slip. Even for such a review, clients should call before coming to the office.

Publications staff also can help departments that adhere to the do-it-yourself theory. "If people are doing

jobs on their own desktop equipment, we're available to critique design ideas and proof copy," said Gilbert. Such editing jobs, planned for desktop, also should come to the department in double-spaced manuscript.

This type of review is especially important to ensure that all campus publications carry the correct equal employment opportunity statement, use the University logo appropriately, and follow the U.S. Post Office's specifications for business reply mail, said Gilbert. Editors also will ensure that publications follow the University's editorial style. A revised style manual will be published in about six months, but clients can get a copy of the current *Graphic Standards and Editorial Stylebook* by calling x5154.

Clarification

An article on the Audiology and Communication Clinic at the Northwest Campus that appeared in the Sept. 14 issue of *On the Green* contained incomplete statistics on the number of times students were served over the past two academic years. In 1990-91, there were 376 times that students were served, and in 1991-92, there were 796 times that students were served. In addition, the clinic reports a consistent waiting list for communication therapy services of approximately 30 students per semester.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail LMMCCONNELL. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received Oct. 5-9 will be published Oct. 19.

WANTED: 2 nonsmoking professionals to rent spacious rooms in country house in Dunkirk, Md., kitchen and living room privileges, CAC, W/D, DW, must like pets and have own trans., \$450/mo. incl. util. Call Gary, x6486 (TDD) or (301) 855-6264 (TDD).

FOUND: House keys with "Keep G. Clean" on key ring. Call M. Weinberg, x5567.

FOR RENT: Furnished bedroom w/private bath in Seabrook, Md., female preferred, must like dogs, near Metro and bus, avail. Oct. 1, \$435/mo. incl. util. Call Lorre, (202) 832-6681 (TDD) days or (301) 577-6264 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Apple IIc computer and Commodore 64c in good cond., must sell, BO. Call Lorre, (202) 832-6681 (TDD) days or (301) 577-6264 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

FREE: To good home, beautiful mixed black Labrador Retriever, 1 yr. old, has shots and obedience training, spayed, needs

exercise, very lovable. Call (301) 277-6867 (V) or E-mail JJOHNSON.

FOR SALE: '87 Toyota Corolla, 4-dr. hatchback, auto., 42K mi., great cond., \$5,250. Call Mary Drinkwater, x5346 or (301) 577-1902 (V) after 6 p.m.

WANTED: Walking partner for eves./weekends in Forest Glen, downtown Silver Spring, or Wheaton, Md. Call Lynne, x5671 or E-mail LMMCCONNELL.

WANTED: Mature nonsmoking person to rent large basement room in townhouse in Laurel, Md., share house privileges, CAC, W/D, DW, screened porch, \$325/mo. plus util. Call Elizabeth, (301) 604-4190 eves.

FOR SALE: '77 Chevette, many new parts incl. brakes and tires, 4-speed, 2-dr., passed Md. inspection, runs great, \$850/BO. Call (301) 604-5846 (TDD) after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: V-frame exercise bike w/digital monitor, black, good cond., \$99. Call x5466 or E-mail CLBOYD.

FOR SALE: Children's furniture incl. dresser, night table, desk w/hutch, chair and bed w/storage or another bed, \$625. Call (301) 572-5095 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Female to rent room in house, share privileges, W/D, AC, parking, close to shopping, must have car and love dogs. Call (703) 768-3818 (V/TDD) after 10 p.m.